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"The U.S. position sounds reasonable, and I think Panama should be able to support it," Panamanian MFA UN Security Council (UNSC) Senior Advisor Nils Castro told POLCOUNS on August 2 in response to reftel demarche regarding modification of the UNSC arms embargo in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). Castro concurred that it was important to support the DRC's democratically elected government, including its program of security sector reforms. Castro agreed that an easing of the embargo on GDRC forces made sense. Castro added, however, that USUN should work closely with Panama's Mission on this matter and undertook to speak with Panamanian UN PermRep Arias as well.  
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